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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper replies to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 30, 2003.

In The Claims

Claims 16-31 are pending and were rejected. Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice and amend claims 23 and 24, as follows. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached at the end of this paper.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the antibody that binds to IL-12, binds to an epitope on a 40 kD subunit of IL-12.

24. (Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the antibody that binds to IL-12, binds to an epitope on a 35 kD subunit of IL-12.

Please add new claims 32-43.

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